

Finance Meeting

June 12, 2023

The Board of Commissioners for the Lafourche Basin Levee District met this day in finance session at its official domicile at 21380 Highway 20 in Vacherie, Louisiana. The public was invited to attend via Teleconference and at the LBLD office. The meeting was called to order by its President, Eric Matherne, at 6:00 P.M.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: President Eric Matherne, St. Charles Parish present via zoom; Vice President Jeffery Henry, Ascension Parish; Craig Carter, Assumption Parish; James P. Jasmin, St. James Parish; Russell Loupe, St. James Parish; Larry Sorapuru, St. John the Baptist Parish and Gary Watson, St. John the Baptist were present.

Donald Ray Henry, Executive Director; Ms. Melanie Broden, Accounting Specialist; Astrea Jupiter, Administrative Assistant 5 and Latasha Pelle, Administrative 2 were also present. Attorney, Spencer Long was absent.

President Matherne made the motion to adopt the agenda and called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS:

Jeffery Henry, Vice President

Craig Carter

James P. Jasmin

Russell Loupe

Larry Sorapuru

Gary Watson

Eric Matherne, President

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Michael McKinney, Sr.

Arthur J. Bosworth, IV.

Kevin Hebert

Marlin Rogers

Atty Spencer Long

ABSTAINED: NONE

President Matherne noted that all comments from the Public regarding any/all of the agenda items listed below will be accepted at this point in the meeting. The meeting chairperson may also allow further comments from the Public as and when each agenda item is considered during the meeting process. There were no public comments on the agenda items.

No further questions on cash status report for period ending May 31, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Henry to review and approval of bills for payment. Second by Larry Sorapuru.

President Matherne questioned about changing meeting due to 4th of July holiday. Executive Director stated the meeting date will remain July 5, 2023 and the office has time to prepare and post for meeting in spite of holiday.

Evaluate and discuss a recommendation for a cost of living and merit raise for the Executive Director. The board complete evaluation July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in reference to Executive Director Henry and form for Washington D.C. trip. Executive Director Henry presents a video of Congressman Carter's homeland security from April 19, 2023.

Executive Director Henry thanks Senator Price for helping return the money that was spent on the culvert by the Board. The lawsuit is still pending and want the board to be proactive in dealing with levee lifting despite lawsuit. Also thank Oniel Malbrough on the project to build up the levee. Mr. Malbrough addressed the board on lift levee project and thank Senator Smith and Senator Price. Commissioner Sorapuru questioned Mr. Malbrough on St. Charles Parish Senators being aware of the levee lift project. Mr. Malbrough addressed Mr. Sorapuru and informed him that all parties was notified.

President Matherne will forward all evaluation papers to Commissioner Rogers and results will be presented for meeting the Committee meeting on June 14, 2023.

There were no additional committee matters to discuss, commissioner Loupe moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.